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Patent #: 6,447,280  
Title: Dual manifold mold with rotating center plate  
Inventor : Todd M. Grimm  
Assignee: Tech Mold, Inc.  
Issue Date: Sep 10, 2002  
Application #: 09/675,480  
Date of this Correspondence: April 16, 2012

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**Petition to Revive Unavoidably Lapsed Patent  
Under 37 CFR 1.378(b)**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.378(b), applicant hereby petitions for revival of US Patent 6,446,280, for unavoidably failing to pay the 7.5 year maintenance fee, which was due by 9/10/2010.

As grounds for this petition, Patentee states as follows:

1. The Patentee believes the delay in paying the maintenance fee was unavoidable.
2. The Patentee, Tech Mold, Inc. of Tempe AZ, used the patent law office of LaValle Ptak ("Ptak"), 28445 N 42nd St., Cave Creek Arizona, for all patent work, including patent preparation, prosecution, and payment of maintenance

fees. Ptak is listed as the "Address for Fee Purposes" at the USPTO for this patent.

3. The 4<sup>th</sup> year maintenance fee was paid on 2/14/2006.
4. TechMold received notice in 2007 from Ptak that Ptak was retiring. However, Ptak failed to change the "Address for Fee Purposes" on file at the USPTO to Tech Mold's address.
5. Further detail is supplied with this petition in the form of a statement from Michael Wade, Treasurer of Tech Mold, Inc.
6. The required petition and related declaration from the patentee, Statement Under 37CFR 3.73, change in Power of Attorney, Change in Correspondence Address, and Credit Card payment form 2038 for fees are submitted herewith. Fee detail is as follows (for small entity, where applicable):

Maintenance Fee, 37CFR 1.20f, #2552: \$1800

Surcharge, late payment unavoidable, 37CFR 1.20(i)(1), #1558: \$350

Petition Revive unavoidable abandonment, 37CFR1.17(m), #2452: \$320

Total: \$2470

Respectfully submitted,



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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

Docket Number (Optional)

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Patent Number: 6447280Application Number: 09/675,480Issue Date: Sep 10, 2002Filing Date: Sep 29, 2000

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U.S. application (or reissue application) leading to issuance of that patent to ensure the fee(s)  
is/are associated with the correct patent. 37 CFR 1.366(c) and (d).

Also complete the following information, if applicable:

The above-identified patent:

- ☐ is a reissue of original Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ original issue date \_\_\_\_\_  
original application number \_\_\_\_\_  
original filing date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ resulted from the entry into the U.S. under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application  
\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8(a))**

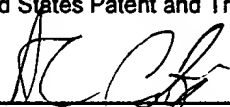
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Date

  
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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	7 ½ yr fee	(1552)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 1800	7 ½ yr fee	(2552)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1800

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 350 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 350

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made, please

☐ Credit to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

☒ Send refund check

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

Michael Wade  
Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

4-11-2013  
Date

Michael Wade  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or printed name(s)

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Registration Number, if applicable

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Telephone Number

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Address

## ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment  
☒ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely  
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

Michael Wade  
Signature

4-11-2013  
Date

Michael Wade  
Type or printed name

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Registration Number, if applicable

STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Please see attached statement from Michael Wade

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(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)